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British Financial Delegation Given New Instructions

London, Aug. 18.—New instructions were understood to have been sent to the British financial delegation in Washington today, only a few hours before it was to begin talks with United States officials on possible easement of the Anglo-American loan terms.

Well-informed British political sources believed the instructions were drafted at last night's surprise Cabinet meeting. Whitehall buzzed with speculation that the meeting was called after Government received reports from Washington indicating that the United States was going to "get tough" with Britain.

JEWS KIDNAP SYRIANS

Jerusalem, Aug. 18.—Four armed Jews today kidnapped two Syrians from a truck near the Jewish colony of Petah Tikva, it was officially announced.

The announcement said the Jews stopped the truck, which was driven by an Arab, searched it, took the two Syrian occupants into a private car and drove off.

There were no details from either Jewish or Arab sources on the kidnappings, but the police promised more information later. It was the eighth consecutive day that violence occurred in the twin cities.

In Jaffa and Tel-Aviv vigilance was still maintained and British officials were cautious in answering when asked if the crisis had passed. However, with Jaffa elements now being watched closely by the police, the Najada and Haganah, the future seemed a little more reassuring.

HAGANAH ACTION?

Unconfirmed reports from Jewish sources said the kidnappings might have been another action by the Haganah. So far Haganah has remained silent, but it was expected, if it were responsible, that open admission would be made as on previous occasions. Gurion, chairman of the Jewish Agency Executive, and Mrs. Golda Meyerson, head of the Agency's Political Department, announced that they would not leave for Zurich for the Executive's conference on August 26 as scheduled, in view of the "serious situation" in Palestine.

Meanwhile, scores of Revisionists were arrested in Jerusalem as the Army and police carried out a surprise check-up on the streets. Several hundred passersby and pedestrians were arrested while traffic was blocked.—United Press.

EDITORIAL

Our Radio Stations

PERHAPS it is symptomatic of the apathy from which Hongkong is said to suffer, but it is curious that broadcasting, which has so little to offer in comparison with other stations, is so seldom the target of public criticism. The reason cannot be shortage of receiver licenses; latest figures show there are nearly as many owners of radio sets today as before the war, and with the high cost of alternative entertainment it is fair to imagine that householders have come to rely more and more on their sets for post-work relaxation. It is, therefore, reasonable to expect a lively and responsible reaction to ZBW and ZEK programmes. Instead, the public appears to be going out of its way to avoid comment—either for or against. Presumably then, its fears are wholly contented (which is an insult to its intelligence) or completely indifferent (an insult to its stations). Our own feeling is that, while ZBW has made a number of improvements in its programmes, largely by the use of excellent BBC transcription, the whole organisation needs "overhauling". It requires more money, more trained personnel, and administrative autonomy. The first two factors are closely related, inasmuch that unless Government is prepared to pay for experienced and capable announcers, at least one script writer, and one presentation officer, its local programmes can never rise above the level of

mediocrity; certainly cannot take listeners away from stations such as Radio SEAC, Radio Delhi, the Australian shortwave stations, and even the Manila relays. There is literally no continuity from ZBW, and its presentation of programmes is so dull and unimaginative that the listener's interest is held only by the quality of the records played. It is conceivable that men or women capable of effective script and continually writing are available in Hongkong, but what monetary incentive are they offered? It is not anaesthetically worth their while to spend time on such skilled work, any more than to pay top-line visiting artists to make studio broadcasts at \$25 per hour, when a 15-minute programme invariably demands two to three hours of rehearsal. Hongkong radio stations which should have a vast listening audience, China and the surrounding neighbourhood will never achieve any importance in this strategic part of the world until they are remodelled and generously financed. When that has been done, the specially trained officers employed should be permitted to run the stations, beholden in policy only to the Governor's principal advisers. If the Hongkong stations are not worth conducting on modern lines, with a listener appealing extending beyond the confines of the Colony, then ZBW and ZEK might just as well be closed down because they are in danger of becoming more a liability than an asset.

Washington dispatches to London newspapers have said the United States would ask Britain for a strict accounting of how the American loan had been spent, apparently in the belief that the Labour Government has frittered away funds unwisely.

According to the Daily Herald, ordered by the Labour Party, it was understood that yesterday's meeting was mainly concerned with:

1. A review of new sources of food other than "hard currency" countries and plans for meeting coming deficiencies when the full impact of the reduction by £12,000,000 a month in dollar food imports is felt.
2. A final review of the case for a modification of the convertibility and non-discrimination clauses of the American loan agreement.

This was borne out in part by the fact that Mr. John Strachey, Food Minister and not officially a member of the Cabinet, and Sir Edward Bridges, Permanent Secretary of the Treasury, attended.

However, the Herald article was believed to be only a partial explanation. Whitehall believed some major development or development, rather than just review of matters that had been under discussion for some time, must be behind the first Sunday Cabinet meeting during a Parliamentary recess since the war.—United Press.

FIRST MEETING

Washington, Aug. 18.—The Anglo-American Conference on the United States loan to Britain and the economic crisis opened its first full session "behind closed doors" in the United States Treasury Department tonight.

The delegates promised a statement later and a Conference spokesman said that a press conference might be held tomorrow "if progress justifies it".

Mr. George Marshall, Secretary of State, was represented at this first meeting of the vital talks by Mr. Robert Lovett, Acting Secretary of State; Mr. John W. Snyder, Secretary of the Treasury, was in the chair.

Also present on the American side were Mr. Willard Thorp, Assistant Secretary of State, and Mr. David

Bruce, Assistant Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir Gordon Monro, Executive Director of the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development, sat in with the British delegation, which was under the leadership of Sir Wilfrid Eady and Sir Edmund Hall-Patch.

A few minutes after the session began, Mr. Cameron Cobbold, Deputy Governor of the Bank of England, arrived by air with new instructions drawn up at yesterday's British Cabinet meeting in London.—Reuter.

MIDDLESEX BEAT GLOUCESTER

Test Match: Latest Score

London, Aug. 18.—Middlesex today defeated Gloucestershire in two days by 88 runs, and thus won the dramatic struggle for leadership in the county cricket championship table with 200 points to Gloucestershire's 192. Both sides have four more matches to play.

The fortunes of the game, as on the opening day, changed considerably. Middlesex, 30 runs ahead with one man out at the start of the day, were all out for 141. Tom Goddard, 47-year-old spin bowler, again making the ball turn considerably, claimed eight wickets for 80 for a splendid match analysis of 18 for 156.

Set to get 160 Gloucestershire never looked like achieving the task. The close of play scores today were:

At Cheltenham: Middlesex beat Gloucestershire by 88 runs. Middlesex 180 and 141 (Goddard eight for 80). Gloucestershire 183 and 100 (Young five for 27).

At Dover: Kent 487 for five declared and 186 for five. Leicestershire 307 (Tomlin 44, Jackson 148). At Birmingham: Sussex 230 and 280 (Gibson 149, Pritchard 118 and 132 for no wickets (Thompson 69 not out, Maudsley 58 not out).

At Chesterfield: Derbyshire 210 and 224 (Hill five for 62). Hampshire 162 and 32 for two.

At Manchester: Lancashire 332 and 16 for no wickets. Nottinghamshire 348 for nine declared (Keeton 182, Reddick 90, Ikin five for 98).

At Cardiff: Surrey 178 and 232 (Fishlock 70, Muncey nine for 98). Glamorgan 328 (Watkins 110), and 28 for one.

At Worcester: Yorkshire 402 and 154 for five declared (Coxon 60 not out, Robinson four for 36) and 67 for three.

At Weston-super-Mare: Somerset beat Northamptonshire by five wickets. Northants 230 and 148 (Hazell five for 42). Somerset 212 (Mayer 56) and 168 for five (Walford 72 not out).—Reuter.

S. AFRICANS

204 FOR 4

Kennington Oval, London, Aug. 18.—The South Africans have scored 204 for four in reply to England's first innings total of 427 when stumps were drawn at the end of the second day's play in the fifth and final Test.

Worcestershire's left-arm, slow bowler, R. Howarth, distinguished himself by taking a wicket with his first ball in Test cricket at the age of 38.

Going on at 47, Howarth had Dyer caught at cover point. Flighting the ball well and varying the pace, he looked the best bowler apart from Wright, seen this season, and he got another wicket when Nourse played too soon and gave Yardley a catch at extra cover.

A woman challenges ace men drivers

Thirty-year-old Mrs. Sheila Darbishire, of Knutsford, Cheshire, who drove a mobile canteen through the London blitzes, will drive a 140 mph Riley special in the British Empire Trophy race in the Isle of Man on August 21.



Mrs. Darbishire

It will be her first road race. She will compete against some of the world's finest drivers, including Raymond May, Reginald Parnall, Prince Bira, and George Abecassis. Great interest has been aroused in motor-racing circles by Mrs. Darbishire's decision to take part in a first-class road race.

Lila, born Mrs. Darbishire, broke the women's lap record at the first post-war International Goodwood Club, near Cheltenham, last autumn.

At Cheltenham she drove a 120 m.p.h. Bugatti.

She has been racing drivers regard Mrs. Darbishire as a courageous and skilled driver.

"Alarming & Critical Situation"

Dutch Cabinet Meets

The Hague, Aug. 18.—The Dutch Cabinet met on Monday to discuss what authoritative sources called "the alarming and critical situation" in Indonesia and the Netherlands position on possible new steps by the United Nations.

Some reports said a Cabinet crisis was possible because of indicated disagreements in the Cabinet.

Official sources said the government had declined to authorize formal resumption of military action in Java, as requested by certain Dutch officers there. The fighting officially was called off on orders from the United Nations Security Council, but has continued nevertheless.

After Indonesian Republican representatives were admitted to Security Council discussions, C. O. Romme, leader of the Catholic Party and its Parliamentary group, urged the government to leave the Security Council.

Labour, a member of the coalition in the cabinet, opposed such action.—Associated Press.

DUTCH FORCES ATTACK

Batavia, Aug. 18.—Dutch forces, supported by artillery fire, were attacking on strategic routes leading to the heart of Republican-held Java, the Indonesian Republican Army headquarters reported today, according to the Jogjakarta Radio.

The Dutch were said to be attacking at five points in the centre, north-east and north-west of Jogjakarta, the Republican capital. Dutch forces holding Gombong, 60 miles to the west, were reported to have advanced to the south coast, and to have shelled the town of Purwokerto.

Unconfirmed rumours earlier today said that Dr. Hubertus Van Mook, the Netherlands Lieutenant Governor-General of Indonesia, had asked permission from his Government to occupy Jogjakarta.

Dr. Van Mook had no comment to make on the unauthoritative rumour from The Hague, but official Dutch sources admitted that a renewed military action would be supported, by general Dutch opinion in Java and Sumatra.

The Dutch Army claimed officially today that the Republicans were still ignoring the "cease fire" order given on August 4, and reported fighting in the island of Madura and north of Jogjakarta. Casualties during Independence Day—yesterday—were 13 killed and 22 wounded, he communiques stated.

The Indonesian news agency reported that the Chinese had formed a volunteer brigade to fight the Republican forces with headquarters at Surakarta, 40 miles southeast of Jogjakarta.

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BRITISH OFFICERS CHARGED WITH ACCEPTING BRIBES

Treiste, Aug. 18.—Major John Roderick Squire and Captain Douglas Arthur Wilde pleaded guilty today before a British Army general field court martial on charges of accepting bribes of between seven and ten million lire while administering the Venezia Giulia American military Government Public works.

Squire pleaded guilty on ten charges and Wilde on four. Their sentences will be announced after they have been confirmed by headquarters of the British Central Mediterranean forces.

Both British officers—involved in the AMG Public Works Division graft and bribe scandal which culminated in the arrest of two American officers and 31 civilian employees—were tried separately by the same court martial.

The trials of Major E. H. Richardson, former head of the Public Works Division, and of Thomas Cockerham, American officers arrested in the case, will be held later before United States courts martial.

CORRUPTION RAMPANT

The prosecution read Squire's voluntary statement, in which he maintained that corruption was rampant in the civilian staff brought by AMG officers from Italy that it "later increased with the arrival of US Major E. H. Richardson."

According to the statement, when Squire reported to Richardson cases of civilian staff members accepting presents from contractors, Richardson allegedly replied: "This is customary in Italy."

The defence, however, did not call Richardson as a witness.

Squire said in his statement that he accepted gifts of wine and small presents from contractors and, "following Richardson's example," accepted an apartment from a contractor.

Squire's beautiful Austrian secretary, 24-year-old Anita Huebner, said in a statement read in court that she had an agreement with Squire that all proceeds collected by her or Squire would be equally divided. She said she deposited US\$31,200, at the legal rate of exchange then) in her bank account and spent 1,500,000 lire.

SECRETARY ARRESTED

She was paid a maximum salary of 12,000 lire and is the daughter of a wealthy Austrian who owns several hotels in Yugoslavia and who she is now under arrest, awaiting trial.

Squire's statement described visits by Mr. Griffiths, identified as the president of an American engineering company, who was introduced by Richardson and allegedly offered to open an account for Squire in Knoxville, Iowa.

He said the company's Rome representative offered him commissions for deliveries of bitumen to the AMG.

The statement by Wilde admitted collecting 10,000,000 lire from March this year until June and said he realized early this year "the Public Works Department was thoroughly crooked." He said he went to Squire, who told him, "Such an occasion comes only once in a lifetime."

Wilde said he "took heed" and made arrangements similar to Squire's with his Italian secretary, Adriana Luzzano, who charged a flat rate of ten percent on all contracts passing through his hands, mostly concerning repairs to United States troop barracks.—United Press.

Archery Champion

Prague, Aug. 18.—Deugen, of Sweden, won the men's individual title in the world archery championships here with 2,953 points.

The women's title was won by Miss Kurkijarvi, of Poland, with 2,321 points.

Czechoslovakia won the men's team event, with Denmark second and Sweden third. Belgium and France took fourth and fifth places, respectively.

Denmark won the women's team title, followed by France, Great Britain and Czechoslovakia.—Reuter.

Nazi Prince Charged

Berlin, Aug. 18.—Prince Ferdinand of Schoenach Carolath, son of the ex-Kaiser's widow, Princeess Hermine, whose funeral took place last week, and one of the leading figures in the recent disappearance of the \$500,000 Hohenzollern gems—was remanded in custody for his "personal security" when he appeared before a British military court here today, charged with making false statements to the Allies.

The prince was alleged to have "forgotten" to disclose his Nazi Party membership dating from 1932 and membership of the S.S.

The hearing will be resumed on August 26.—Reuter.

UNEASINESS IN BURMA

More Shootings

Burma, Aug. 18.—Frequent shootings in Rangoon and reports of attempts on the lives of ministers heightened the general uneasiness in Burma today, one month after the assassination of the seven Cabinet ministers.

The latest among the shooting attacks in Rangoon, took place at the headquarters of the People's Volunteer Corps, next to the residence of Prime Minister Thakun Nu. Shootings also occurred near the homes of other Cabinet ministers, and a high police source said today that these incidents were "probably attempts on the lives of the new government."

Unknown gunmen staged a 15 minute battle with guards at the Jubilee Hall where the bodies of the ministers assassinated on July 19 lay in state.

It was later announced that the people who entered the roads around Jubilee Hall after the duel, did so "at their own risk." None of those involved in the shooting affairs had been caught, it was learned.

With almost all the opposition leaders and parliamentarians under arrest, official quarters were mystified by the incidents, especially by armed gangs attempting to force their way into Jubilee Hall. The police mentioned that the gunmen seemed well trained in guerrilla tactics, and suggested the disgruntled elements of the former Japanese sponsored Burma Defence Army might be responsible for the nightly shootings.

A number of other shooting incidents, involving the police and unidentified men in uniform, were reported from various provincial centres.—Reuter.

Disaster At Scouts' Jamboree Camp

Moisson, Aug. 18.—Nine Belgian Boy Scouts were injured today, some seriously, when two narrow gauge trains operating around the World Jamboree camp site crashed.

The accident occurred as Scout leaders of more than 42 nations gathered for the first international conference since 1930, at which a new international committee will be elected to frame the policy which will govern Scouts throughout the world during the next two years.

The Belgian Scouts were rushed to the camp hospital where the doctors said "some are seriously injured" but declined to disclose their names or numbers.

Colonel John S. Wilson said the conference would be "important" because so much time had elapsed since the last conference in 1930 and because the war had raised new problems for the conference to decide upon.

Some of the new problems facing the meeting will be "Scouting behind the Iron Curtain, Scout problems in Germany and displaced persons in relation to Scouting", Col Wilson said.

Speaking of Germany, Col Wilson said, "World Scouting looks forward to the time when it will be possible to secure and have recognised a regulated association of German Scouts. Scouts have gradually started to develop association of German Scouts of Germany with the co-operation of the International Bureau."

He said the Polish German delegation which tried to get into the Jamboree this year "was too early". "This Jamboree was only for recognised groups and we must have rules, aims, principles and morals, which must be preserved."

On the subject of DPs, Col Wilson said, "Scouting is now free and determined to stay free of politics, but unfortunately politics have repercussions on it.—United Press.

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—New Cable to Aid Mine SafetyBy PAUL F. ELLIS
United Press Science Writer.**NEW YORK**—Research goes on and on—and yet science has not come up with the answer to the common cold.

The common cold is believed caused by a virus, a parasite that lives off other bacteria. Since the end of the war several laboratories have resumed investigation of the problem.

Dr. Thomas Francis, Jr., head of the University of Michigan School of Public Health, who did much toward the development of a vaccine against influenza, is not so optimistic that a vaccine against colds will be found.

At a meeting of the fifth international conference on pediatrics, Dr. Francis said the investigations so far have "proceeded to confirm the earlier studies" of the cold's transmissibility to human subjects.

"The search for methods of propagation of the virus outside man is on," he said. "However, that will not clarify the picture of all the thing indiscriminately called colds. One wonders how much bacteria themselves contribute to the incitement of some of these; and whether a cold can be caused by a virus which maintains its residence in man, cropping out when proper physiological insult takes place."

"One further item can be added: None of the vaccines so far prepared has been shown to have a significant influence upon the incidence of the common cold when properly controlled conditions have been observed."

A new cable, designed not to spark when short circuited, has been developed by electrical engineers to aid in the prevention of coal mine explosions.

Scientists of the U. S. Rubber Company say that the new feature of the cable is a fine strand of copper wire embedded between the inner and outer layers of insulation. In the event of damage to the insulation, the fine wire catches incipient current leakage before an arc can occur and carries it to a sensitive circuit breaker which cuts off the power.

Judges have been named for the second annual George Westinghouse science writing awards, given in cooperation with the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

They include: H. L. Mencken, of the Baltimore Sun; Benjamin M. McKelvey, editor of the Washington Star; Edward Weeks, of the Atlantic Monthly; Clifton Fadiman, of the Book-of-the-Month club; Dr. Deltex Bronk, of the National Research Council; and Dr. Edward R. Weidner, of the Mellon Institute of Industrial Research.

Representing the public will be Kenneth M. Olson, of the School of Journalism Northwestern University, and Dr. Rudolph Fiesch, author, Dr. Morris Meister, president of the National Science Teachers Association, will be chairman.

Two awards are to be given—one for the newspapers and press associations; the other for magazine writing.

The American Chemical Society will hold its 125th national meeting in New York, September 15 to 19. Eleven thousand chemists and chemical engineers are expected to attend. The Priestly medal, highest honor in American chemistry, will be awarded to Prof. Warren K. Lewis, of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Prof. Glenn T. Seaborg, of the University of California, will receive the society's award in pure chemistry. He is the co-discoverer of plutonium.

BY THE WAY
by Beachcomber**THE** police have reason to believe that the mysterious Grand Duke Alfred Nikotin, mentioned in connection with currency fun at Filoules-Escrocs and other places on the Riviera, is none other than Captain de Courcy Foulonough.

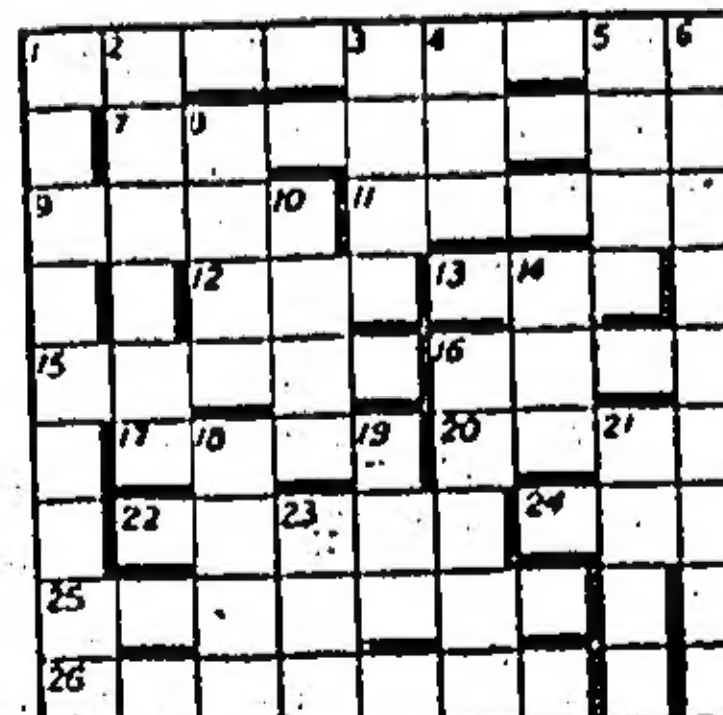
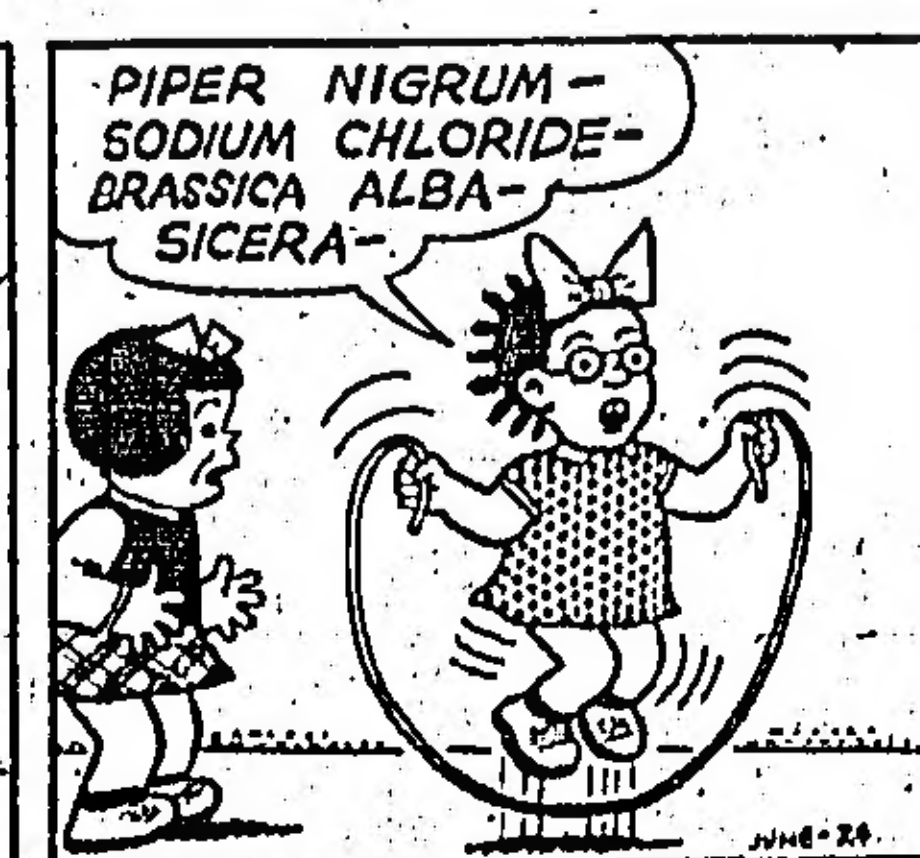
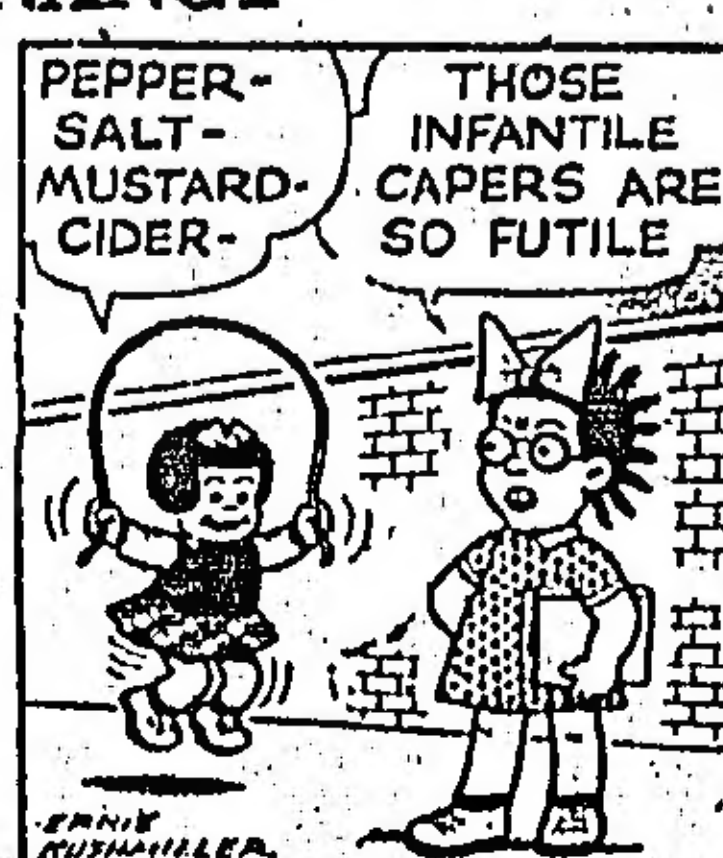
It has been noted that the Grand Duke talks a great deal about the good old Czarist days, but that English racecourses figure in his reminiscences more than the court life of St. Petersburg. When confronted with a Russian exile, Nikotin mumbled some gibberish, shouted "Da, da," and fled. Afterwards he explained that the exiled nobleman owed him 550,000 roubles, and that he did not want to embarrass him.

Dan Tremendo in training
UNLESS the Giggleswick Whirlwind has a trick or two up his sleeve, it looks like another victory for Stan Trivett. Dan Tremendo is so slow that, in the words of Gus Futtremore, the boxing promoter, "You could see what was coming cover provided by that mountainous body." Tremendo's blows are few and far between, as he has to arrange himself comfortably to deliver

them. He has a tendency to overbalance if his opponent sidesteps, and he has a disconcerting habit of going down almost on one knee before feinting. Trivett, on the other hand, is all over the place. In addition to his trick of running in at the back of his opponent, he has developed a habit of leaping sideways, with feet together, while striking out with both fists.

Have you macadamisedyour ears?
She said she waited all day for her mother who had promised to come to Pershore for her.
(News item.)

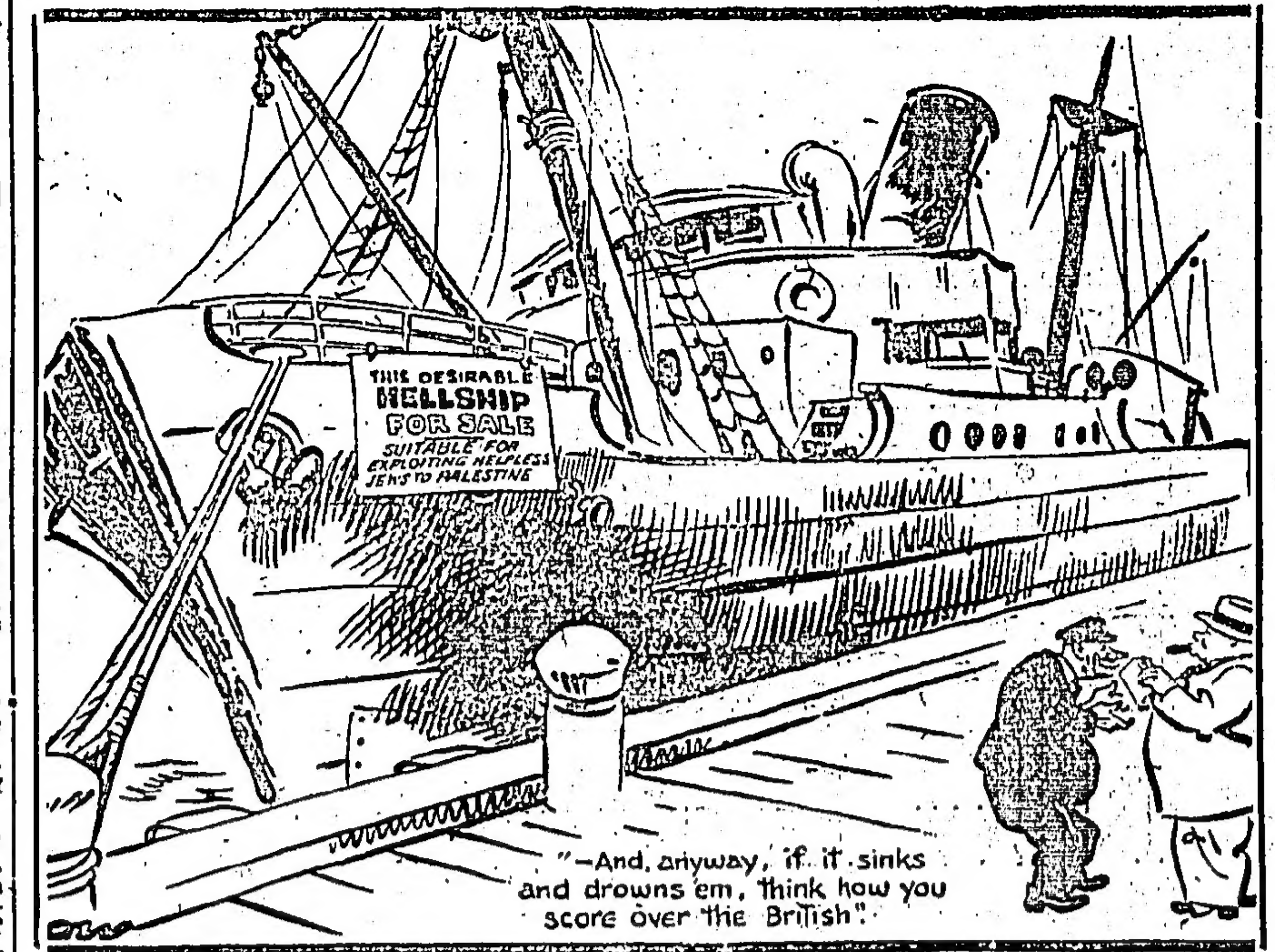
Somebody's mother wasn't using Pershore.

Only a suggestion**THE** Government campaign for more work (by means of a shorter week in the most important industry of all) is evidently going to rely on what are called, for some unearthly reason, "slogans." But it is already some sharp criticism of the posters and the words of fire attached to them. What about "Atta, Britain!" or "Hiya, Suckers!" in illuminated letters round the Nelson Column—and hidden mechanism to produce crooning sounds from the nationalised lions?**CROSSWORD PUZZLE**Across
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Thinking Aloud
PAUL HOLT introduces
Harry the Mole*My friend the Spiv has become a different person since reading about himself in this column. He is now trying to persuade his Spiv friends to call him Harry the Mole, though his real name is duller than mine. And he has also become something of an Oracle. He used to be content, in the quiet times, just to sit. Now he sometimes sits and thinks. He wrote to me as follows:***Dear Paul Holt,****I** HAVE been reading certain items in the higher class bladders of lard such as yours which have started me off worrying about the future of our dear old country. I love our dear old country like a mother.

When someone plays on the BBC that wonderfully moving pop song, "I love you—for sentimental reasons" (top of the pop parade wk. endg. Fri. May 23, cert. sell mill. Blackpool this summer) my heart swells and I think of Britannia.

Grapes Lark**B**UT what are her brave sons coming to when they cannot be allowed to make a living as best they can? Is this the spirit of England? Is this why we gave up Rainbow Corner for three whole years?

What would pass over the Grapes Lark, but for one thing. It was to be expected that the magistrate would turn acid, for beaks are the same wide world over and suffer from a kind of blindness where the principal of the liberty of the subject is concerned.

But to crime a man for trying to make a customer see that it is tiddler in the long run if he will buy grapes with his pound of potatoes (I ask you, who eats potatoes—only suckers without money) is outrageous when you discover that the Government is doing just that same thing. Yes, sir, the Men of Margate.

"British has nearly a million men not registered with the Labour Ministry, it was admitted in the House of Commons. A big section of them are spivs."

The spiv is a Cockney dandy, distinguished by his padded shoulders, wasp waist and flashy tie.

He has thrived as a go-between on the blackmarket, he peddles boxing and football tickets, touts at race-courses and promotes crooked card and dice games. He scorns honest work.

For what are they saying but they can't build enough houses for our brave boys because they can't get enough steel from Belgium because the Belgians say they will not sell us their steel unless we will buy their ankles too?

And what is that but a conditioned sale and far, far worse than the Grapes Lark because anybody can get along without mashed potatoes but try it without a roof over your poor head and it doesn't come so funny.

And take the case of Senger Evans. A certain friend of mine, who likes to be known as The McSpiv, had got a small and discrete gathering of likewise gents together to buy up the shares of the company to the loud tune of ten million.

Their honest purpose was to get at the whiskey reserves which are tucked away in some Scottish grotto or other in order to sell them to the patient public on the Free Market. (Certain characters who call it Black are colour blind.)

Still thirsty**W**HAT happened? Premature publicity scotched the whole lark (if you will pardon my little joke) with the result that these gents have got to start to put their money to work all over again and the patient public remains incessantly thirsty.

It was your own esteemed blinder of lard which did this and I wish you to speak rather firmly to your editor. If this is the so-called Freedom of the Press I would like no more of it.

You will recall as well the distressing case known to many likewise gentlemen as the Ex-Works Job. It seems that a tidy crowd of new cars were being driven at a certain hour known to most of us from the works at Coventry to the showrooms in London. At a quiet spot also known to most of us the drivers stopped for a glass of strictly S.D.I.

These organised workers were peacefully sipping while our thicker customers stepped into the parked cabs and drove them off into the night. A neat job, you will say. But what followed? They ran out of petrol.

Look up the considered opinions of any expert on the subject and he will tell you that petrol rationing is no longer at all necessary and Mr. Shinwell is a Governor.

Those friends of ours need never have called at the Old Bailey if it had not been for the restrictive practices and pieghaded bureaucratic methods of the present Government.

And another thing. Mr. Shinwell says he does not give a you-know-what for parasites, black marketers, speculators and idlers. But where, I ask him, would one be without such independent characters?

Where would one get his big fight tickets, his Portuguese brandy, nylon stockings, wrist-watches or young cockerels?

As for idlers, may I remind Mr. S. that it is schoolmarm like himself who are making these independent characters idle. They want to work. Mr. S. if you'll let them. Won't you buy just one pair of stockings for the wife?

Is it fair?**A**ND have you noticed what controlled prices at auctions are doing? Forcing the auctioneer to cut a deck of cards to find a lucky purchaser. Driving the nation to gambling and sleight of hand.

A young associate of mine, new to the niceties of our profession, found himself the other day in the dock accused of appropriating a shiner and lies of a perfect stranger. Imagine his surprise to hear this young man speak up for leniency for him.

As soon as he was in circulation again he approached the fellow, gave him for first one over light of a mine card and then a perfect shiner. Driving the nation to gambling and sleight of hand.

To his disgust he saw his pigeon's eyes suddenly harden—and then realised that he had presented himself still wearing the fellow's suit and shirt and tie.

Was that his fault? I would far rather look towards Sir Stafford Cripps for blame. The current shrieks of men's suitings, particularly trousers, is criminal.

Film critics, too**I** AM also more than a little disturbed at the recent writings of the film critics bearing down on the buskings of a lady called Jennifer Jones and a gent called Gregory Peck kissing and shooting each other at the same time, in a new and highly expensive photoplay named "Duel in the Sun."

They should know that if a friend of mine asked Mr. M—could let such an act for his concession in Oxford-street we'd have all the shooting galleries out of business in a week.

Who, I ask you, would want to shoot clay pipes and celluloid ducks if Miss Jones was not there?

Well, I must close now. I just wanted to let you know how worried me and my associates are getting by the national situation. Money is getting tighter every day and the Government does nothing about it.

Yr. affect friend,

Harry the Mole

Women BEAUTY ARTS

By LOIS LEEDS



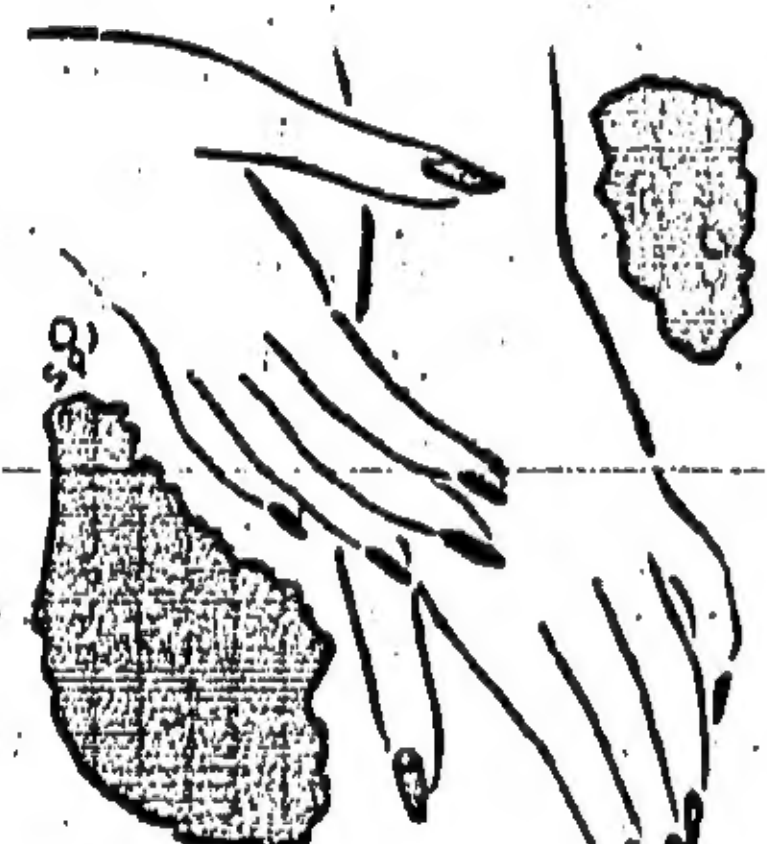
Posed by Claire Trevor for Lois Leeds.

For that Feminine Look, follow the ideas presented here.

POWDER AND...

How is your powder technique? If it is the "dabbing" method you had better stop and consider. A powdering job which is properly done will last hours longer and will give a natural feminine look which we are all striving for these days. First—about the kind of powder that you choose, which is really important. Is it fine and flowerlike? Heavy powder causes a "cakey" look, so choose your powder carefully. This does not mean that it must be expensive. Some inexpensive powders are very finely milled. Colour is next in importance. Either match the skin tone exactly or choose a slightly warmer shade to enrich your deeper skin tones. Powder shows up light and "pink" if it is even one shade paler than the skin. If you're a blonde you'll want a rose-cream shade to wake up your colouring. If you are dark you will find that a dusky-rose shade will help to play down any tendency toward ruddiness. Now that your powder is correct, pin back your hair and you are set to do a really good job.

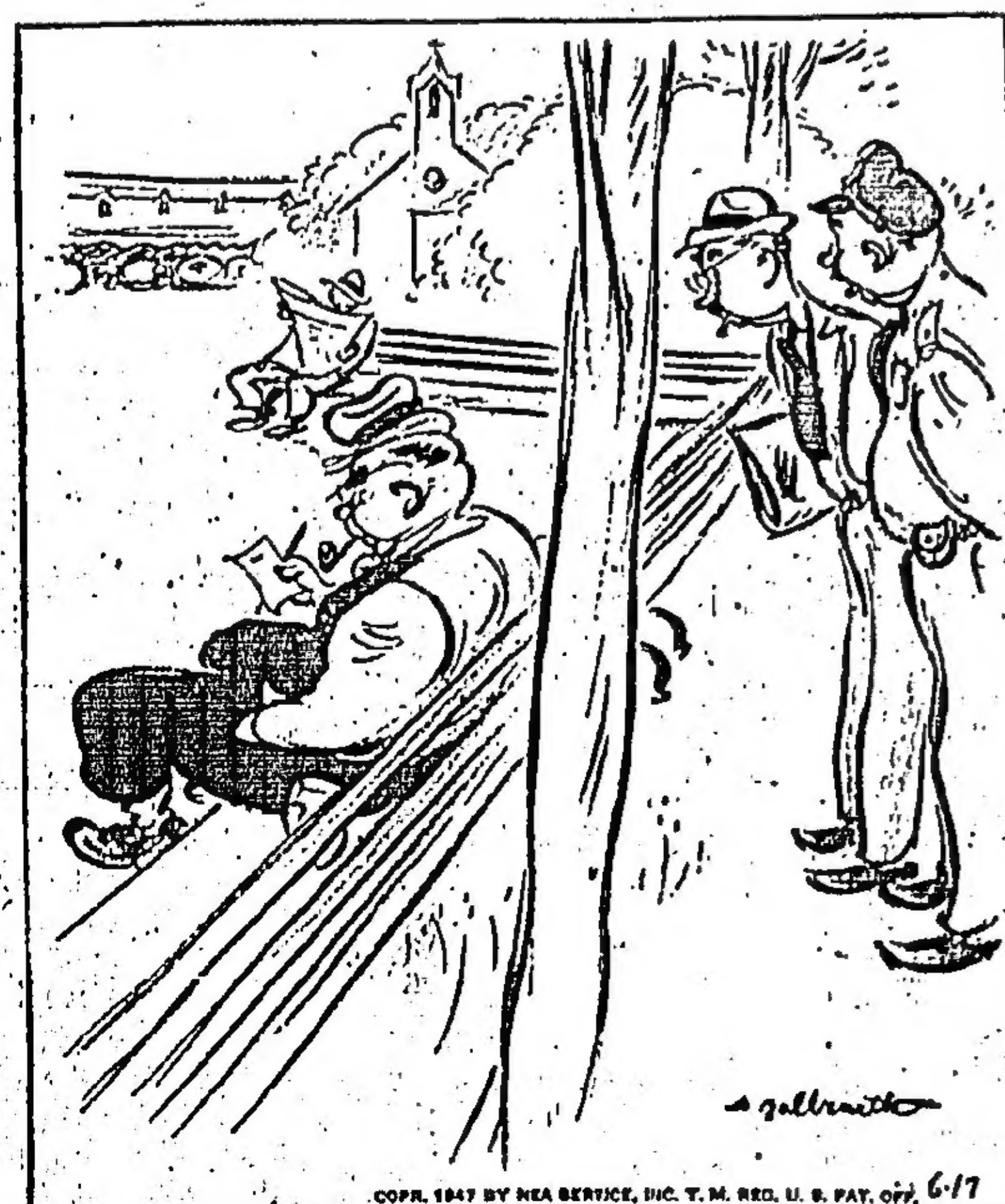
Minute Makeup
by GABRIELLE



If your nails break easily, paint them with white iodine once a week. Massage with cuticle cream. Use emery files and file in only one direction. Don't see-saw back and forth. Don't cut the cuticle with scissors and don't "dig" into the corners with sharp manicure instruments. Don't cut deep into the corners. A manicure prevents disaster!

SIDE GLANCES

By Galbraith



"Sometimes he sits there all day—says he's composing an epic poem, but most folks figure he's just lazy!"

Little Willy Would Like Dutch To Give Him Doorn Estates

By JULIE VISCHER
(United Press Staff Correspondent)

Amsterdam, Aug. 18.—The former Crown Prince Friedrich Wilhelm of Prussia, son of the former Kaiser, awaits in his Wuerttemberg home the decision of the Dutch authorities on his request to lift the ban on his inheritance of Doorn Castle, the former home of his dead father.

Up to the present, the Dutch have considered the possessions in Holland of the former Kaiser to be "enemy property," and the heirs of the old exiled Emperor are not allowed to take possession of his Dutch estates.

No answer has yet been given to the Crown Prince by the Dutch authorities, nor is there any indication that the ban will be lifted in the immediate future. Friedrich Wilhelm, or "Little Willy" as the irreverent British nicknamed him many years ago, spent some years in Holland with his father after the first World War. In his appeal, he stresses the family relationship existing between himself and the British Royal House. However, as Dutch circles point out, he fails to remember the offer the British Government made to his father in 1940 to go to England to escape the Nazis, an offer the ex-Kaiser turned down.

Neither does the former Crown Prince mention the telegram his father sent Hitler at the beginning of the war in which he congratulated the Fuehrer on his "overwhelming victory in France and ended with: 'Let us all thank God.'"

Ex-Kaiser's Fear

On the other hand, the Crown Prince bases his claim on the last will of his father, who expressed the wish to be buried in Holland.

Memorial Plan Held Up

Saffron Walden.—This little Essex township has admitted that it is having as much difficulty meeting the terms of its dollars from the United States as the Labour Government.

Early in 1945, the 65th Fighter Wing of the U.S. Air Force presented the town council with some US\$22,000 for an Anglo-American war memorial park and sports centre, but a condition of the gift was that the townspeople raise an equal amount by 1950.

Alderman Stanley Wilson, mayor when the Americans came to town, said: "We have raised only the equivalent of US\$5,200. Now that the crisis has come, we cannot raise any more money. Our population is only 6,000 and we shall have to ask the Americans to let us keep their money until we can afford to proceed with the scheme." "Little can be done by 1950, and it may take 25 years to raise the money. It will be primarily a memorial to American fighter pilots, and we shall keep faith with them somehow."—United Press.

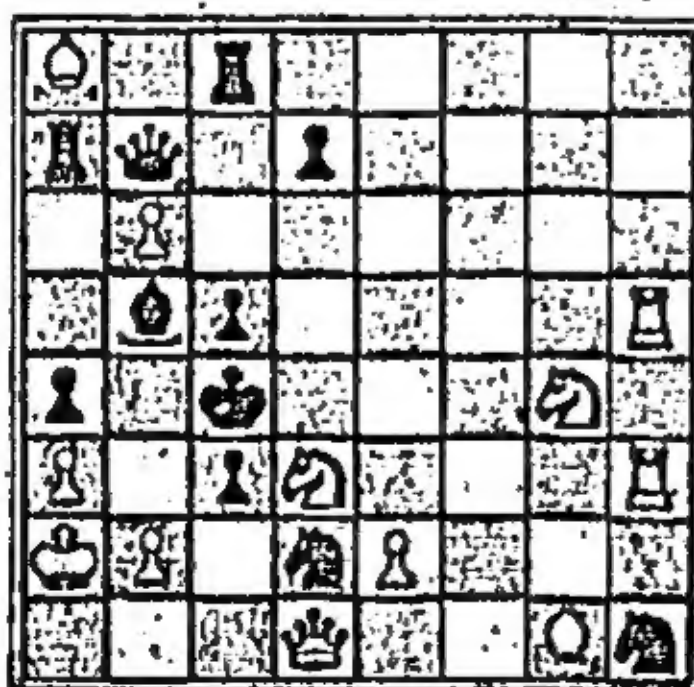
CHECK YOUR KNOWLEDGE

1. Define sclerology.
2. Where did the use of the umbrella originate?
3. Name the last King of Spain.
4. What is flak?
5. Name the principal inland water trade route in China.

(Answers on Page 4)

CHESS PROBLEM

By M. ADABASCHIEFF
Black, 11 pieces.



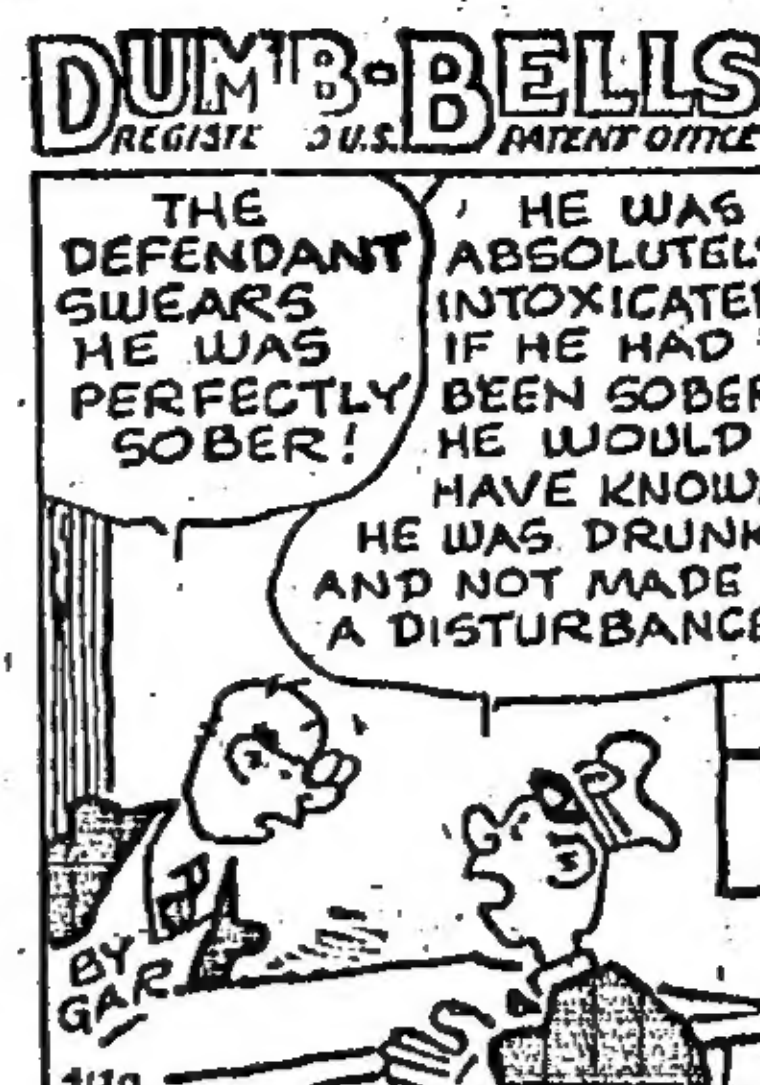
White, 12 pieces.
White to play and mate in two.
Solution to yesterday's problem:

1. K-B7, any; 2. Q. B. or Kt (dis ch, or dis ch) mates.

Rupert and the Young Imp—48



Billy leaves Podgy and Bill Badger outside his cottage while he rushes Rupert upstairs. As the little bear had expected, the window-box is the cause of the excitement, and Oranzy Gout tells him how the weeds grew from sleep and found sunflowers growing where before there had been nothing. Rupert tells her the whole story of the young imp, but the old lady only smiles knowingly. "I can't see how you make up such fairy tales," she says gently. ALL RIGHTS RESERVED.



MAHARAJAH'S BROTHER WANTS JOB

"Wanted—a good paying job with a future for a prince with personality but no previous business experience." This item has not appeared in any advertising columns, but it could apply to an Indian Sikh, Ganendra Singh.

Singh, the sixth brother of the Maharajah of Patiala and Kanwar (Prince) in his own right, has decided idleness and support by state income make for "a useless life with no future." He finds it boring and tedious. So he has decided to support himself and live outside the princely state.

Although three wartime years of service with the Indian Navy brought the prince, better known as Richard, an officer's commission prior to demobilisation, he is ready to say he has no business sense. He blames his education for this. Chief's College at Lahore, where sons of ruling families study, offers no vocational training.

Now 29 years of age, Richard is uncertain about the type of job he wants. But because of the family position, he wants work in which he can retain his dignity. The Maharajah not only gave his blessing to this venture but has questioned a leading Indian businessman about a possible position for Richard.

With the first money he earns, Richard wants to buy new clothing. He had only a little civilian apparel when he left Navy whites recently. —Associated Press.

FROM HERE AND THERE:

HOAXING HOUSEMAID

Copenhagen.—A 22-year-old woman dressed in a lieutenant's uniform and wearing decorations, vexed the military authorities at Holbaek and inspected the local garrison. After the inspection the captain became suspicious and informed the police. After her arrest the "lieutenant" confessed to being a housemaid who had left her position in the capital in search of adventure, and bought the uniform in a second-hand shop.

MOVIEABLE TOWN

New York.—For the fifth time in 26 years Shelvin Oregon, population 600, has moved stakes... and moved. A logging town, Shelvin shifts whenever logging operations move. This time every house, shop and restaurant travelled 10 miles. It took 24 hours.

RETURN GESTURE

Prague.—One hundred British working men have been invited to work in the military authorities at Holbaek and inspected the local garrison. After the inspection the captain became suspicious and informed the police. After her arrest the "lieutenant" confessed to being a housemaid who had left her position in the capital in search of adventure, and bought the uniform in a second-hand shop.

FEMINE REFORM

New York.—American teen-age girls, anxious for the reputation of young women in this country, have formed a protective association. Members pledge not to kiss in public, not to go out with boys to whom they have not been formally introduced, not to wear sloppy clothes—especially sweaters—not to go out after 1 a.m., and not to drink gin.

FOOD LURE

Frankfurt.—A coupon-free American army type lunch is Number 1 inducement under a scheme to recruit 8,000 builders to repair 2,000 apartments for incoming officials of Western Germany's five economic agencies scheduled to be concentrated in Frankfurt before next November.

CUSTOMS SWOOP

Sydney.—Customs officers who arrested 19 men in Brisbane streets recovered 44 strings of artificial pearls that they were trying to sell. In a three-day swoop the Customs made the biggest seizure of smuggled goods in Queensland's history, beginning with a raid on the steamer River Milla from Kure, Japan, in which they found 23,000 Japanese artificial pearls. On another ship was opium and nearly 800 pounds of China tea, believed to be for the Persian black market.

DOCTOR'S SECRETS

Washington.—A big battle rages behind the scenes between America's police and psychiatrists. The Federal Bureau of Investigation, charged with tracking down subversives, want the doctors to hand over the names and case histories of all left-wingers they have treated whom they consider unstable. The doctors refuse.

MATRIARCHAL RULE

Paris.—The little community of Manzyrat Crispinac, in the Haute Loire, has become the only town in Europe governed entirely by women. At the recent municipal election 12 women filled all the councillor's seats. One is 70 years old, one plays the accordion in the local bistro and another is a goat-herd.

PAINT PROPAGANDA

New York.—Because so many house-painters are out of work, their union is staging a campaign and wireless advertising campaign to tell everyone in New York this is a good time to get their flat painted.

PROFITABLE FARM

Johannesburg.—Rock rabbits are such a pest in certain districts of the Cape that the authorities pay £1 a skin to encourage extermination. Mr F. de Villiers of Neisport has already killed 2,749 rock rabbits and still has at least a million left on his farm.

TOEING THE "LINE"

New York.—Will American women bow to fashion dictatorship which says that, like it or not, they will wear longer and fuller skirts this autumn? The men say No, primarily because they have discovered the new fashion will force women to scrap existing wardrobes and start out anew. Women are resisting the new styles too. The trade, greedy for bigger profits from selling more material, are making nothing else. Said one manufacturer: "They had better like them, and wear them, if they don't they will go threadbare."

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Raymond Massey As A Farmer

Raymond Massey, screen actor, has decided to become a New England farmer.

Massey has bought the 2,000-acre J. B. Thomas estate—once a North Shore showplace—which includes a 25-room house, cottages and barns.

When remodelling is completed, Massey says, he plans to do some real farming.

